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Inventors: Yoshi Ono

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

This communication responds to an Advisory Action dated December 10, 2004 in the above identified patent application. The submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 was previously submitted on 11/15/2004, in response to an office action dated August 16, 2004. The submission on 11/15/2004 was a Request for Continued Examination, which was mischaracterized as an Amendment after Final.

**REMARKS**

The submission on 11/15/2004 included a coversheet entitled RCE Transmittal, which authorized a \$790.00 fee as required for an RCE, along with a Preliminary Amendment in Support of RCE Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, which was

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addressed to MS RCE. It is unclear to Applicant how this submission could be characterized as an amendment after final.

When speaking on the phone with the Examiner on January 11, 2004, the Examiner indicated that an RCE form was not indicated in the file, although he acknowledged that the transmittal was entitled RCE transmittal and that the footer of every page of the amendment indicated that it was in support of an RCE. Examiner Nguyen indicated that an RCE form should be submitted so that it could be entered.

37 C.F.R. § 1.114 provides the requirements for a Request for continued examination. There is no requirement for a specific RCE form. The Applicant submitted an RCE transmittal along with a Preliminary Amendment in Support of RCE Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, which satisfies 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. This submission was timely and provided for the necessary fee. This resubmission should not be necessary and it would be inappropriate to require Applicants to pay any extension fees at this time. However, Applicants have authorized any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 that may be required, including extension fees, just in case.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 11, 2005

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